

Math 2250-1  
Monday 10/3 §4.1-4.3

Vocab review!

If  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_k$  are vectors, then  
a linear combination  $\vec{w}$  of  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_k$  is?

the span of  $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_k\}$  is?

In our examples Friday, when we considered vectors  $\vec{b}$  in  $\text{span}\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k\}$ ,  
sometimes the linear combination coefficients were unique, and  
in examples with different collections of vectors  $\{\vec{w}_1, \dots, \vec{w}_k\}$ , they weren't.

This is related to precise definition of linear independence vs. dependence:

Definition

- a)  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_k$  are linearly independent iff the only linear combination  

$$c_1\vec{v}_1 + c_2\vec{v}_2 + \dots + c_k\vec{v}_k = \vec{0}$$
is the one where  $c_1 = c_2 = \dots = c_k = 0$ .
- b)  $\vec{w}_1, \vec{w}_2, \dots, \vec{w}_k$  are linearly dependent iff some linear combination  

$$c_1\vec{w}_1 + c_2\vec{w}_2 + \dots + c_k\vec{w}_k = \vec{0}$$
where not all of the  $c_j$ 's are zero.

- an equivalent way to say  $\vec{w}_1, \dots, \vec{w}_k$  are lin. dep. is to say that at least one of the vectors  $\vec{w}_j$  ( $1 \leq j \leq k$ ) can be expressed as a linear combination of the other vectors, i.e. is "linearly dependent" on them.
- an equivalent way to say  $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k$  are lin. ind. is to say that none of the  $\vec{w}_j$  can be expressed as a linear comb of the rest.

• linear independence is a good condition for a collection of vectors  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_k$  to have because it means that if

and also

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{b} &= r_1\vec{v}_1 + r_2\vec{v}_2 + \dots + r_k\vec{v}_k \\ \vec{b} &= s_1\vec{v}_1 + s_2\vec{v}_2 + \dots + s_k\vec{v}_k \end{aligned}$$

then actually all  $r_j = s_j$ , i.e. linear combo coeffs are unique.

(because  $\vec{b} - \vec{b} = \vec{0} = (r_1 - s_1)\vec{v}_1 + (r_2 - s_2)\vec{v}_2 + \dots + (r_k - s_k)\vec{v}_k$   
so  $r_1 - s_1 = 0, r_2 - s_2 = 0, \dots, r_k - s_k = 0$ .)

Finish Exercise 3 Friday

$$\vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -1 \\ 11 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 3 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

2) b) 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 4 & | & 6 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & | & 3 \\ 1 & -5 & 11 & | & 3 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{rref}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & | & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

so 
$$c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix} + c_3 \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -1 \\ 11 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 3 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

for 
$$\begin{matrix} c_1 = 3-t \\ c_2 = 2t \\ c_3 = t \end{matrix}$$

so  $\vec{b} \in \text{span}\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3\}$  but linear combo coeff's not unique

thus, by our reasoning on page 1,  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3$  must be linearly dependent.

c) modified. Find a linear combination of  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3$  which adds up to  $\vec{0}$ .

note 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -5 & 11 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{matrix} \xrightarrow{\text{rref}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{matrix}$$

d) your work in (c) shows  $\text{span}\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3\} = \text{span}\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2\}$ .

find the implicit equation of the plane spanned by  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2$ .

Hint: for what  $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^3$  can we solve  $c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$ . ?

Exercise 4a) If you have 3 vectors  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , what matrix condition is equivalent to  $\text{span}\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3\} = \mathbb{R}^3$ ?

4b) What matrix condition is equivalent to  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3$  are linearly independent?

4c) What determinant condition tests both of these?

$\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}^2, \mathbb{R}^3, \mathbb{R}^n$  are examples of vector spaces. Such spaces allow for addition and scalar multiplication, and some authors call them linear combination spaces. Here is the precise definition:

A set  $V$  of "vectors", together with operations  $+$ , scalar multiplication is called a vector space if the following axioms hold

- ( $\alpha$ ) whenever  $\vec{u}, \vec{v} \in V$  then  $\vec{u} + \vec{v} \in V$  (closure wrt addition)
- ( $\beta$ ) whenever  $\vec{u} \in V, k \in \mathbb{R}$ , then  $k\vec{u} \in V$  (" " scalar multiplication)

- (a)  $\vec{u} + \vec{v} = \vec{v} + \vec{u}$  commutative
- (b)  $\vec{u} + (\vec{v} + \vec{w}) = (\vec{u} + \vec{v}) + \vec{w}$  associative
- (c)  $\vec{u} + \vec{0} = \vec{0} + \vec{u} = \vec{u}$  zero vector exists in  $V$
- (d)  $\vec{u} + (-\vec{u}) = \vec{0}$  additive inverses exist
- (e)  $a(\vec{u} + \vec{v}) = a\vec{u} + a\vec{v}$  distributive prop
- (f)  $(a+b)\vec{u} = a\vec{u} + b\vec{u}$  "
- (g)  $a(b\vec{u}) = (ab)\vec{u}$

(h)  $1\vec{u} = \vec{u}, (-1)\vec{u} = -\vec{u}, 0\vec{u} = \vec{0}$  (these last 2 actually follow from the others)

(4)

any subset  $W$  of a vector space  $V$  that is "closed" under addition and scalar multiplication, i.e.

α) whenever  $\vec{u}, \vec{v} \in W$  then  $\vec{u} + \vec{v} \in W$

β) whenever  $\vec{u} \in W, k \in \mathbb{R}$ , then  $k\vec{u} \in W$

inherits properties (a)–(h) from the vector space  $V$  so is itself a vector space.

Thus,  $W$  is called a subspace of  $V$  if it is closed under addition and scalar multipl.

Exercise 5: Consider  $\text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  as a subset of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

is this subset a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ?

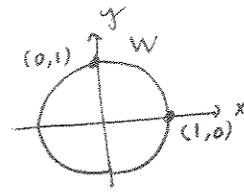
Exercise 6 In exercise 3, we showed  $\text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  is the collection of  $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$

which satisfy  $-2x + 3y + z = 0$ .

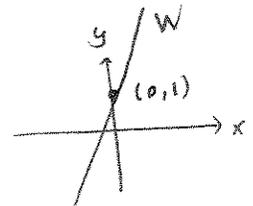
Verify that the points on this plane are a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  using this implicit representation

Exercise 7

Is  $W = \{(x,y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \text{ s.t. } x^2 + y^2 = 1\}$  a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ?



Exercise 8 Is  $W = \{(x,y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \text{ s.t. } y = 3x + 1\}$  a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ?



Exercise 9 What are the only 3 kinds of subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ?

Just what are the possible subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ?  
 $\mathbb{R}^3$ ?  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ?